

STATE'S TALLEST



KIRBY WYLLIE is shown decorating his 77-foot Christmas tree, located in the yard of his ranch home west of Woodville.

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And the very best wishes
for a Happy Holiday
Season

Kirby Wyllie Has 77-Foot Christmas Tree At His Woodville District Ranch Home

Farnsworth Buys Champion Cattle

Reserve champion pen of Herford heifers, shown at the recent Great Western Livestock show in Los Angeles, has been purchased by F. R. Farnsworth, local cattleman. The pen of five head was shown by John Thompson, Arizona breeder.

In addition, Farnsworth purchased a Herford bull calf, bred and shown by the well-known Milky Way ranch at Pheonix, Arizona. The stock will be used by Farnsworth for breeding purposes.

A 77-foot Christmas tree, probably the tallest private outdoor tree in the state of California, has been decorated by Kirby Wyllie in the yard of his Woodville ranch home where it is nightly attracted visitors from the entire state.

The tree is plainly visible from 99 highway and Wyllie states that many drivers turn off the highway to take a closer look at the tree.

500 LIGHTS

Used in decoration are 500 colored electric lights, hung in 19 separate strings and utilizing about 4,000 feet of wire. The

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BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATION MANDATORY

Vaccination of female dairy calves, between the ages of six months and one year, for Brucellosis (Bangs Disease) will become mandatory under provisions of a state law that becomes effective January 2, 1948.

Under the law, it has been announced, cost of vaccination and cost of vaccine will be born by the state. Individual dairymen may select any veterinarian to do the work, as long as that veterinarian is Federal-state accredited and has signed a required service contract.

BEEF CALVES OPTIONAL

No calf under six months nor over 12 months is effected by the vaccination law, however, all female dairy calves in this age group must be vaccinated. Vaccination of male dairy calves or beef-cattle is optional with the owner.

Vaccinated calves will be given a tattoo mark on the left ear by the veterinarian handling the vaccination.

SEEK ELIMINATION

Through the vaccination program, state agricultural officials believe that in a few years, the problem of Brucellosis may be eliminated as the vaccinated calves come on as producing cows.

Don Jones Named To District Board

Donald Jones, Porterville hardware store owner and breeder of Arabian horses, has been named to the board of directors of the 24th Agricultural District association, the group that directs the Tulare fair.

The appointment was made by California Governor Earl Warren, who, at the same time, also named as board members Forrest Brentlinger of Lindsay and Claude Trembly of Tulare.

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JOHN GUTHRIE REELECTED HEAD OF CATTLEMEN

John Guthrie, Porterville cattleman, was reelected president of the California Cattleman's association during the closing sessions of the two-day association convention held over the past week-end in Bakersfield.

Other officers are: John Baumgartner of Hollister, vice president; J. Edgar Dick of San Francisco, acting secretary to succeed Dan C. McKinney, who resigned, to enter the ranching business. and Kenneth Flourney and Jake Schneider, also vice presidents.

The convention passed resolutions opposing proposed reapportionment of the state senate on a population basis; the sportsmen's right-of-way bill; price control and rationing and the 160 acre limitation in connection with the Central Valley project.

The cattlemen passed additional resolutions commending the authors of the Taft-Hartley labor bill and calling to attention the fact, in connection with government programs to save grain, that 85 per cent of beef tonnage marketed is produced on grass.

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State Prison Farm Inspected By Committeemen

An inspection of a 1,000 acre state prison farm in the Salinas valley was made last week by members of a joint California legislative interim committee on agriculture, with committeemen also studying various problems related to the Salinas vegetable producing and shipping industry. Serving on the committee is Assemblyman Harry J. Johnson of Porterville.

Johnson states that trustworthy inmates of San Quentin and Folsom prisons are placed on the farm as a means of rehabilitation. Crops produced are used in the prisons.

By the first of the year about 400 prisoners will be employed on the farm, Johnson says.

Other assemblymen serving on the agricultural committee include: George Clark, Lloyd W. Lowry, Thomas M. Erwin, T. Fenton Knight and Sam L. Hiesinger. Senators are George J. Hatfield, committee chairman; Harold J. Powers, speaker pro tem of the senate; Brad Crittendon, Fred Weybreth, Earl D. Desmond and Ben Hulse.

A request for a change in dates for the Fresno District fair will be presented to directors of the Twenty-First Agricultural district, the requested dates for next year being October 5 to 10th.

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A COMMUNITY FAIR IS NOT BUILT IN A DAY

Rome was not built in a day, so they say, and neither is it possible to develop, in a day, a fair, or any other agricultural event, for the southeastern Tulare county area.

Considerable information has to be gathered, many questions answered before anyone or any group can go ahead with a fair plan.

But this information is being gathered and material is being arranged in order that questions can be answered and definite plans formed.

And sometime after the first of the year, when the present fair committee believes that it knows enough of the answers and has enough information, another general meeting of farmers and all others interested, will be called to consider the information and indicate possible future action.

Meanwhile, the fair committee will continue to function, and even though you may not hear much concerning its work at present, rest assured that committee members are active.

And rest assured that within the next few weeks, that committee will have facts and figures to present.

Following this presentation an action group will have to be set up and a fair plan pushed.

And we believe that such a plan can be pushed successfully, for, as we have stated before, the southeastern Tulare county area has the livestock, the horticulture and the diversified agriculture that can be used as a foundation for a top notch fair. What we must do as a community is go after it.

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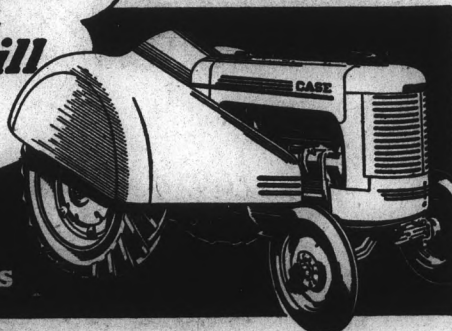
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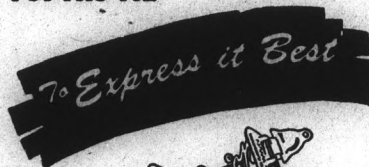
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Old Receipts Recall Early-Day Hog Fattening Deal

Two receipts, one written on a piece of scratch paper, the other on half of a paper sack, recall an early-day hog fattening deal in the Porterville comm-

unity.

The receipts were given to F. H. Carpenter in the year 1898 by B. G. Labachotte, who agreed to take Carpenter's hogs, fatten them and return them.

Judging by notes on the back of one receipt, the hogs were valued at three cents per pound and Labachotte received one cent for each pound the hogs gained while he had them.

The old papers are now in the possession of L. N. Carpenter, Porterville poultry raiser.

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Wartime qualified Aviation Cadets whose hopes for pilot training with the Air Force were ended by the curtailment of the Aviation Cadet Program in 1944-1945 may be reinstated, T/Sgt. Joseph P. Gallagher said this week.

The United States Air Force estimates that there are approximately 35,000 young men who had qualified for Aviation Cadet pilot training during the war who were either awaiting assignment to, or actually undergoing flying instruction, when the program was curtailed in 1944 and 1945 because of the successful progress of the war, he said.

The acceleration of the Aviation Cadet Pilot Training program to a total of 3,000 Aviation Cadets during 1948 will make it possible for the Air Force to fulfill its obligation to many of these men who volunteered during the war. Men in this special category, Sergeant Gallagher said, may be reinstat-

ed merely by passing the required physical examination, if they are unmarried, between 20 and 26½ years old and have had two or more years of satisfactory college study.

Formerly qualified cadets interested in resuming pilot training should write direct to the Headquarters, United States Air Force, Attention: Aviation Cadet Section, Washington 25, D.C. for information and instructions.

Candidates for Aviation Cadet training must be between 20 and 26½ years old unmarried, and have at least one-half of the credits leading to a degree at an accredited college or university, or be able to pass an examination measuring the equivalent, and be of excellent character, sound physique, and in good health. The approximately 35,000 men who had qualified during the war will not be required to take the USAF qualifying examination now given to all prospective candidates for the determination of aptitude, Sgt. Gallagher said.

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WOODVILLE GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children of the Woodville district were entertained at Christmas party, held last evening in the Woodville Community hall under sponsorship of the Woodville chamber of commerce. The program was under direction of the Woodville Elementary school.

The world is in definite danger of running short of productive land according to H. H. Bennett, chief of the United States Soil Conservation service.

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YULE'S Safety RULES

From the American Red Cross

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1. A revolving door can become belligerent under pressure. It sometimes will strike back and knock you out when it's rudely pushed.
2. A stairway can whisk you downward faster than an express elevator if you're careless . . . and no one calls the floor when you land.
3. The space between two parked cars makes a sandwich of safety vision when you step from the curb to cross the street. And that's food for thought.
4. You can learn to fly through the air with the greatest of ease by disregarding the red light at busy intersections and cross walks.
5. Forest fires can often be staged right in your living room if you use Christmas tree lights and extension cords which do not carry the Underwriters Laboratories label. And inflammable decorations will brighten the blaze.
6. A rolling toy gathers no moss, but it collects victims quickly if left to its own devices on stair steps and waxed floors.

Citrus Growers Are Urged To Consider Costs Of Various Types Of Fertilizers

By H. C. MEITH
Assistant Farm Advisor
Tulare County

Economy of operation is becoming increasingly important in the production of citrus fruits and olives and growers can oftentimes save money by the careful selection of fertilizers.

In none of the numerous tests conducted by the Agricultural Extension service in various citrus growing sections of the state or by the Citrus Experiment station, has it ever been proved that citrus trees will show a profitable response to any fertilizer element besides nitrogen.

This being the case a wide range of prices prevails for the

nitrogen in various forms of fertilizer and the cheapest available form of nitrogen should be used. The nitrogen in ammonium nitrate can be bought for as little as eleven cents a pound, this is the cheapest form of nitrogen available at this time. The nitrogen in ammonium sulfate will cost a little over 13 cents a pound. The nitrogen in a mixed fertilizer such as 8-8-4 will cost about thirty-five cents per pound. The extreme is the price for nitrogen in some liquid mixes. This does not mean liquid or anhydrous ammonia. The nitrogen in one 10-10-5 liquid mix will cost as high as two dollars and thirty cents per pound.

Growers should not overlook the possibility of saving money with a volunteer cover crop as compared to a seeded cover crop. If a moderate tonnage of green matter can be obtained from a volunteer cover crop, it should be allowed to grow. Leguminous plants such as vetch, melilotus and cow peas are somewhat overrated as nitrogen producers in the soil and oftentimes the money spent for seed can better be used to buy nitrogen which can be incorporated with a volunteer cover crop.

ROAD SURFACING WORK UNDERWAY

Surfacing work is under way on the Woodville highway in the area north of Cotton Center. Work is also going ahead on west Olive between Cotton Center and the Tule River.

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Jim McKinney shot and killed J. T. Sears, known as "Long Red," at Bakersfield yesterday morning. According to dispatches received here, McKinney and Sears quarrelled in the Palm Garden saloon.

Later, they retired to the back yard of the saloon and continued quarrelling, when McKinney shot Sears through the heart, killing him instantly. Reports differ as to who first pulled a gun in the yard.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Congregational church held Wednesday evening:

William Duncan, G. L. Robbins, F. E. Woodley, W. W. Hughes and E. I. Feemster, board of directors; Miss R. J. Perry, secretary; E. W. Beebe, treasurer; Miss Grace Redfield, organist; E. I. Feemster and Walter Vinson, ushers; Rev. J. A. Milligan, superintendent of the Sunday school and Miss Clara Carr, secretary of the Sunday school.

From the Tulare Register: The Porterville high school football team hereby challenges the Tulare team to a matched game to be played on any convenient date between now and the 1st of January, 1901. A practice game has been played between the two teams already, but it was distinctly understood to be for practice only, and, in consequence, the halves were only 25 minutes long. Unless Tulare accept this challenge, it cannot be consistently claimed that Porterville has been defeated this year, nor can Tulare claim championship honors while the challenge remains unaccepted.

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Leonard H. Pratt, Manager
Roy E. Burnett, Captain

(Comment by the Porterville enterprise) Leaving it to the judgement of the public, we say, technically, that the Tulare team is right, but otherwise it shows a decided case of cold feet. If willing, the Tulare team can make special arrangements for a game and the Enterprise hopes it will, as the Porterville boys still think they are the best team, which they are.

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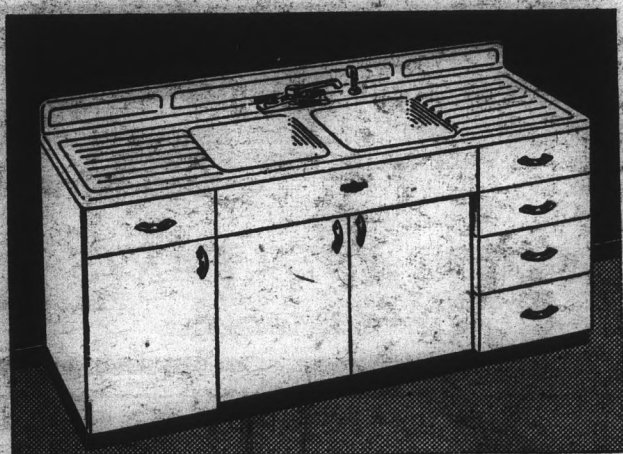
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Fruit stains should be covered with powdered starch, then, when dry, the stained article may be rinsed in cold water and washed in the ordinary way.

Grass stains may be removed with cold water and no soap. If the material is not washable, try using alcohol or ether.

Hot water should never be used on milk and cream stains. Wash in cold water followed by soap and water and rinse in clear water.

Springville 4-H Club Gives Christmas Basket

Members of the Springville 4-H club, at a recent meeting, decided to forego their usual Christmas party and to this year prepare a food basket for a needy family as a community improvement project.

The basket has been placed in the Hull Grocery store in

walnuts and vanilla. Beat until well blended; pour over above crust and bake in slow oven, 250 degrees, for 30 minutes.

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Springville with a placard stating, "This is a 4-H project for a needy family. Watch it grow."

A full attendance of club members, and a number of parents, were reported at the December meeting of the club.

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USE PERMITS EXTENDED FOR LABOR CAMPS

Revocable use permits for operation of the Woodville and Linnell farm labor supply centers have been extended to June 30, 1949, it was announced this week by Domer F. Power of Lindsay, head of the Tulare County Rural Housing association that has handled the camps since last September.

Extension of the use permit from the original date of January 1, 1948, means that the county housing association is now authorized to operate the labor supply centers until the new date of June 30, 1949.

The Tulare County Rural Housing association is a non-profit cooperative, financed by Tulare county farmers, that took over the job of running the labor supply centers when the federal government failed to appropriate funds to continue federal operation.

Kings county held its first fair over the past week end.

Citrus Industry To Be Featured At Banquet

The citrus industry will be featured at this year's annual Porterville chamber of commerce banquet, date of which has been set for February 16, 1948.

In line with a policy set recently by the chamber, a local industry will be honored each year at the annual banquet. Speaker for the February event will be arranged through the office of Stanley Trueblood, manager of the Tulare County Fruit Exchange.

In charge of this year's banquet is Lester Hamilton, chamber of commerce board member.

Presents Provided For Hospital

Presents for patients at the Springville sanitarium were collected from members at a meeting of the Vandalia 4-H club held this week at the Rountree home, with Rodney Homer, presiding.

Glenda Holbrook and Norma Bodley spoke at the meeting, a Christmas party was enjoyed.

Control Of Weeds Meeting Subject

Walter J. Cordua, Tulare county assistant farm advisor, reports that weed control officials of the Western states and Canada will join with federal, county and university weed control authorities in sessions of the Western Weed Control conference to be held in Sacramento and Davis, February 2, 3, and 4.

Cordua says weed control equipment will be exhibited including airplanes, special railroad right-of-way equipment and many types of ground rigs designed to be used in controlling weeds. Special attention will be given to the demonstration of various types of nozzles to be used. Any persons interested in attending this session may obtain further information from the Farm Advisor's office, Post Office Building, Visalia.

Mosquito District Signatures Sought

Although a number of farmers have already signed, additional signatures are being sought on a petition asking formation of a mosquito abatement district for the Woodville area.

Petitions are available for signing at Joe and Jacks Woodville Cash store and at Jim's Place. Jack Monroe and Kirby Wyllie also are circulating petitions.

Following the business session and refreshments were served.

Pasture Plantings Should Be Held Until Spring

Because of the usual cold weather from now through the winter, farmers are advised by Assistant Farm Advisor Ralph L. Worrell, to delay further pasture planting until spring.

Pasture seedling which emerge during frosty weather frequently turn yellow and become stunted. Poor growth of the pasture during the first year may thus result. By waiting until the air and soil warm up in the early spring, rapid germination and growth of pasture plants is assured.


Voting Underway On Marketing Of Lemons

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced that all lemon growers and handlers of record in California and Arizona have been provided with ballots to signify their approval or disapproval of amendments to the California Arizona lemon marketing agreement and order.

Growers who have not received a ballot are requested to go to their local Production and Marketing Administration office located at 121 East Center Street, Visalia, California. These offices have been designated as polling places and growers may vote at such offices.

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Container of this grade of chicks, poults or eggs have the official label printed in blue, "California U. S. Pullorum Clean."

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Good Year Forecast For Most Farming

Predictions of another good year for the farmer in 1948 have been circulated. Farm Advisor Wm. E. Gilfillan, says that may be true for farmers in general, but price for a particular product is affected by supply and demand.

"We saw severe declines for several of our California specialty crops in 1947 . . . oranges, grapes, dried fruit, and olives," the farm advisor said.

In general, demand is likely to remain strong during most or all of 1948, but to predict the turn in prices is impossible. It may not happen in 1948. If it does, it is not likely to be a major recession. National income and consumer purchasing power for 1948 will probably average as high as in 1947, even though there is some decline during the year. These are impressions gained by Arthur Schultis, farm management specialist of the Agricultural Extension service, at the Annual Outlook conference in Washington, D. C.

"Farm production costs will be higher in 1948. Farm wages may be a little higher for the country as a whole.

"Net farm income for all far-

Conservation Report Deadline Is January 15th

Participants in the 1947 Agricultural Conservation program are reminded by Domer F. Power, chairman of the Tulare county Agricultural Conservation committee that January 15, 1948 is the final date for reporting performance of 1947 conservation practices.

According to Power, growers who have not yet reported completion of practices performed during the 1947 program year must report such practices by January 15, in order for such practices to be eligible for payment.

Any completed practices not yet reported by January 15, will not be eligible for payment.

Reports should be made to the office of the Tulare County Agricultural Conservation association located at 121 East Center Street, Visalia.

mers in the United States will probably be lower in 1948 than for 1947, but in California this will vary widely by products and types of farms. Livestock, dairy and poultry should do fairly well despite high feed grain costs. Many of our fruit growers will do about as well as in 1947, but some will do better than others. All farmers will do well to work toward efficiency and economy and keep a balanced budget."

Carlyle Thorpe, manager of the California Walnut Growers association, has announced that he will retire after 35 years in his job.

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The California state legislature will convene March 8, 1948 in Sacramento, however, members of the Senate finance committee and the Assembly ways and means committee will meet in Sacramento about the first of February to discuss budget requirements with various department heads. Assemblyman Harry J. Johnson of Porterville is a member of the ways and means committee.

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We, of the Predatory Control Committee for the local protective Fish and Game Association feel that the 10 worst predators for this area include the following: mountain lions; coyotes; bob cats; wild house cats; water snakes; great horned owl; sharp shinned hawks; crows and ground squirrels.

If you must retire your guns, now that the up-land game season is almost over, be sure to clean them thoroughly; outside as well as in; use a little gasoline to clean the bolts in, to remove old grease and dirt. I would advise some modern, especially designed oil or grease for protection against rust. Personally, I use either Sheath, which is more or less of an oil, or Rig, which is a grease. Be sure to wipe off all finger prints.

Be sure and listen to "Sportsmen's Calendar," a program sponsored by your local Fish and Game Protective Association, and broadcast over local radio station KTIP every Tuesday night at 8:30 p. m. Any questions that you might like answered, regarding hunting or fishing, just drop a card to either me, care of the Farm Tribune, or to Bob Lefever, care of Radio Station KTIP.

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L. D. Flory Heads County Association

L. D. Flory, Porterville wheat grower, has been named chairman of the Tulare County Agricultural Conservation association, with John A. Elkins, dairyman and cotton farmer of Tulare vice chairman.

Leo C. Bodine, Lindsay orange grower, is regular committee member; Melvin Schlitz, general farmer of Earlimart, first alternate member and I. D. Boone, Exeter vineyardist, second alternate member.

Local men attending the election meeting, held last week in Visalia, include Henry Muller of Ducor, Milo S. Ough of Porterville and O. K. Wright of Poplar.

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Chamber Urges Secondary Highway For Olive Street

The establishing of Olive street as a state secondary highway is being urged by the Porterville chamber of commerce in communications addressed to Earl Ingram, engineer for the Tulare County Planning com-

Terra Bella Man Heads Farm Group

Sam Miller, Terra Bella orange grower and shipper, was named chairman of the Farm Research committee of the 10th Congressional district at a meeting held Sunday in Bakersfield.

Other officers are: W. W. McIntire, Earlimart, vice chairman and Mrs. Catherine Sullivan, Bakersfield, secretary. Presiding at the Sunday meeting was Joe

mission.

It is suggested that "such action be taken before the right of way for the Central Valley canal is obtained. It is the expressed opinion of people west of the river that, if possible, the canal should go under Olive street rather than over to prevent another high bridge being constructed on that road."

It is further stated, "It is a recognized fact that Olive street is, and will continue to be, the main street into Porterville for those people from the west of Porterville."

Heel Fly Control Is Demonstrated

Two meetings to demonstrate control methods for grub, or heel fly control, were held in this community Monday, one at the Sequoia Stock farm, Springville, the other at the M. L. Gilbert ranch on Westwood drive.

The demonstrations were conducted through the office of Robert H. Anderson, assistant Tulare county farm advisor. Ten meetings of this type are being held throughout the county.

Anderson states, "In the fall and winter the grubs are in the backs of cattle and this is the only stage in which grubs can

C. Lewis of Buttonwillow.

At the Bakersfield meeting, the committee endorsed the Anderson amendment to the \$590,000,000 federal foreign relief bill that calls for use of citrus fruits, raisins and other crops now held by the Commodity Credit corporation, in the foreign relief program as partial substitute for grain.

The group condemned the governmental practice of purchasing distressed crops on a basis of competitive bids and in a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, endorsed a four point program including: Governments purchase of distress crops direct from growers as well as from processors and shippers; a price for distressed crops sufficient to cover cost of production and a "fair profit;" when purchase is made from shippers, they must certify that they have paid this "fair price" to the grower and the seller of distressed crops must certify that he has such crops in his possession at the time he agrees to sell.

The committee also requested, by telegram to President Truman, that emergency funds be provided for continuation of work on the Central Valley project by the Bureau of Reclamation.

be controlled.

"Control measures cannot be applied during the spring and summer when the heel flies are causing cattle to stampede. Control measures should start immediately now, with derris powder providing the most satisfactory control."

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Grades are running considerable above normal since a high percentage of the crop was picked prior to fall rains. Good growing weather during the summer and fall and exceptionally favorable weather during the past month has been highly beneficial to the crop.

All gins are now slackening off, however, unless real winter wea-

Kirby Wyllie Decorates Tree

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tree itself in a coast redwood which Wyllie says has grown about 50 feet in the last 12 years.

Over the past week-end, Wyllie added the final touch to his tree - a four-foot, metal star, surrounded by a green and silver metal wreath, a top-piece that weighs about 75 pounds.

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In order to string the tree lights, Wyllie has constructed two special ladders and, in placing the star in the top of the tree, it was necessary to rig a block and tackle.

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ther sets in, some cotton will continue to move for several weeks yet.

A breakdown of local gins shows the following figures: Tule River Cooperative Gin Inc., 11,543 bales; San Joaquin Cotton Oil company at Woodville 6,340 bales and at Poplar, 4,500 bales and the Woodville Gin Inc., 5,800 bales.

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